

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF BRISTOL,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1873.

B R I S T O L :

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1873.



REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 1, 1873, as follows:

By list of taxes assessed April 1, 1872.	\$15,597.64
By Saving's Bank tax,	374.09
Railroad tax,	455.38
Literary tax,	107.10
Sale of liquors,	237.68
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1872,	1,858.34
Cash in hands of Collector, March 1, 1872.	4,311.80
County tax,	19.00
Town of Plymouth,	55.00
Amount of State Bonds,	10,416.66
Seth Cass, bal. of interest, 1870,	175.00

	\$33,607.70
Borrowed,	8,383.03

	\$41,990.73

Disbursements.

Paid State tax,	\$915.00
" County tax,	1,460.46
	_____ \$2,375.46

School Money.

District No. 1, Geo. Wooster,	\$114.38
2, Chas. Forrest,	1,254.75
3, Solon Dolloff,	83.55
4, P. E. Heath,	73.70
5, A. J. Ferrin,	99.31
6, D. Y. Emmons,	129.44
7, Samuel Smith,	28.37
8, J. F. French,	85.00
8, P. S. Drake,	102.14
9, J. M. Sleeper,	142.67
	————— \$2,113.31

School House Tax,

District No. 2,	\$748.09
7,	17.20
	————— \$765.29

Paid outstanding orders of 1871,	\$290.36
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Pauper Bills.

Clark Fuller and family,	\$120.95
Wm. Sanborn,	300.88
D. C. Willey,	56.75
Mary Swett,	180.03
Clarissa Brown,	156.00
On account of Plymouth pauper,	55.00
O. K. Bucklin, transient paupers,	3.00
Kiah Wells, for Mrs. Sladen,	24.00
H. B. Fowler, for Mrs. Hazelton,	12.75
	————— \$909.36

Paid Fire Ward,	\$1,919.00
Repairs on town house,	1,997.67

Highways and Bridges.

New road near paper mill,	\$1,300.00
New road near S. A. Oakley,	250.00
	—————\$1,550.00

Orders given for highway work and breaking roads as follows:

George Wooster's District,	\$140.66
C. L. Clay's "	117.78
Horace Emmons' "	68.55
J. W. Burley's "	17.81
A. J. Ferrin's "	7.50
Samuel Muzzey's "	27.18
Noah Horn's "	18.85
D. Y. Emmons' "	82.81
T. H. Wicom's "	9.20
J. M. Sleeper's "	101.45
N. T. Chase's "	26.29
Benj. Grey's "	33.96

Miscellaneous expense on highways and bridges by Selectmen,

1,993.42
—————\$2,645.46
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\$4,195.46

Paid on Notes.

Rebecca Cheney,	\$20.00
Aaron Kidder,	1,325.63
B. S. Gordon,	50.00
S. N. Heath,	60.00
Abbie A. Worthen,	55.38
A. Curtice,	12.36
J. M. R. Emmons,	20.00
Frederick Kidder,	128.75
Alonzo Cheney,	616.37
Sarah A. Dearborn,	113.27

Nancy Laney,	\$216.67
John F. Brock,	195.20
Rosanna Chase,	61.90
S. N. Heath,	151.52
G. W. Keniston,	1,036.17
J. F. Eastman,	1,384.90
Clarence Merrill,	70.00
Mary M. Chadwick,	27.50
Josephine Moore,	73.63
Levi Carter,	50.00
Stephen Nelson,	72.56
Betsey Ordway,	15.80
J. F. Brock,	62.00
Mary W. Haywood.	1,235.00
Ida L. Adams,	55.16
Mrs. Whittemore,	40.00
Levi Carter,	36.00
Rhoda F. Piper,	1,661.88
Josephine Moore,	57.42
Hannah Woolson,	106.75
Dorcas W. Heath,	1,462.13
Chase W. Colby,	687.12
Seth Glover,	1,687.00
David Mason,	3,000.00
David Mason,	1,000.00
Mary Chadwick,	40.00
Wm. A. Berry,	262.25

	\$17,150.32

Notes given in 1865 never reported.

Paid Dorcas W. Heath's note,	\$120.21
L. C. Bailey's note to J. Crawford,	232.00

	\$352.21

	\$17,502.53

Town Officers' Bills.

Wm. A. Berry,	\$168.00
J. A. Haynes,	84.00
R. S. Hastings,	87.00
Wm. L. Chase, Treasurer,	50.00
R. W. Musgrove, Town Clerk,	30.00
J. G. Abbott,	
J. M. Bishop,	
G. T. Crawford,	
	\$479.00

Abatement of Taxes.

On Collector's list of 1870,	\$156.77
Charles Dudley, 1871,	4.50
A. J. Smith, 1872,	2.00
Mrs. W. Greene,	6.70
A. H. George,	1.00
Samuel Follansbee,	5.70
James Musgrove,	17.55
Ira S. Chase,	10.05
	\$204.27

Miscellaneous Items.

John W. Wells, Police, 1871,	\$50.00
R. W. Musgrove, printing,	75.50
E. S. Foster, books,	6.05
I. B. Gordon, damage,	150.00
J. P. Taylor, insurance,	8.00
Orin Nelson, water-tub,	3.00
Bates Bros.,	45.00
Stephen Nelson, signal,	3.60
R. W. Musgrove, printing,	14.00
Geo. S. Bailey, damage,	10.00
H. H. Bailey, "	5.00

J. D. Follansbee, damage.	\$3.00
C. Taylor & Son, books,	4.85
Wm. H. Rowen, damage,	25.00
Seth Cass, Collector,	75.00
R. W. Musgrove, printing	1.88
Mason & Holden, bill,	45.00
J. C. Herbert, lighting bridge.	19.87
L. W. Fling, bill,	63.00
O. K. Backlin, repairing hearse.	11.75
Expense moving hearse house.	30.90
Expense of referees in suit with Lake Company not yet settled,	192.30
	————— \$840.80

Recapitulation.

Total amount received.	\$41,990.73
<i>Paid out :</i>	
State tax,	\$915.00
County tax,	1,460.46
Schools,	2,113.31
School house taxes,	765.29
Outstanding orders of 1871,	290.36
Pauper bill,	909.36
Fire ward,	1,919.00
Repairs on town house,	1,997.67
Highways and bridges,	4,095.46
Paid on notes,	17,502.53
Town officers' bill,	479.00
Miscellaneous items,	840.80
Paid for liquors.	46.50
Liquor Agent,	161.45
Abatement of taxes,	204.27
In hands of Treasurer,	2,690.27
In hands of Collector,	5,600.00
	————— \$41,990.73

Liquor Agency.

Liquors on hand,	\$351.24
Paid State Agent for liquor,	44.74
" Freight and trucking,	1.76
" R. W. Musgrove, as agent,	161.45

	\$559.19
Receipts from sales,	\$237.68
Liquors on hand,	221.87

	\$459.55

Loss,	\$99.64

List of Notes due from the town.

Stephen Nelson,	\$50.66
J. M. R. Emmons, Guardian,	452.88
Hannah Tibbets,	796.67
S. B. Whittemore,	150.71
Frederick Bartlett,	282.17
H. B. Fowler,	329.16
Harriett Whittemore,	151.73
H. M. Emmons,	926.68
Samuel Smith,	81.76
H. E. Whittemore,	797.97
Alonzo Cheney,	311.84
Clark Merrill,	81.35
Betsey Ordway,	264.37
Willard Heath,	808.71
Samuel Smith,	65.27
J. M. R. Emmons,	108.04
D. S. Mason,	529.93
Milo Fellows,	244.09
W. H. Danforth,	223.96
Franklin Fogg,	482.26

Peter Whittemore,	\$340.75
E. S. Smith,	59.79
Clarance Horn,	59.55
Franklin Fogg,	237.64
Charles E. Mason,	11.85
Laurett Leavitt,	444.51
Amanda M. Whittemore,	177.80
Alexander Curtice,	105.60
Favor Locke,	117.09
Rebecca Cheney,	239.49
Belinda K. Gordon,	48.06
B. S. Gordon,	178.67
Clarance M. Merrill,	76.84
Mrs. E. R. Crawford,	920.61
Josephine Moore,	170.78
Lucinda S. Gordon,	399.69
Franklin Fogg,	568.54
Betsey Ordway,	682.24
Levi Carter,	554.15
Luther Robinson,	305.38
Rubia R. Sanborn,	112.86
E. H. Smith,	28.87
James H. Brown,	1,033.45
Lydia Cheney,	175.71
David Haynes,	229.10
David Mason,	366.75
Samuel Smith,	98.00
Woodbury Sleeper,	125.23
Daniel Kelley,	125.23
Rosanna Chase,	62.58
David Mason,	68.12
J. S. Kelley,	401.78
Mary Chadwick,	40.90
S. C. Bean,	185.07
Varnum Pratt,	1,229.31

Mary E. Tilton,	\$111.62
Rubia R. Sanborn,	111.83
Albert E. Muzzy,	166.15
J. M. R. Emmons,	354.89
J. F. Tilton,	220.69
Lucy R. Stearns,	60.75
Varnum Pratt,	770.39
H. Taylor Heath,	109.71
Oliver C. Phillipps,	544.88
Clarance Merrill,	36.31
Frank Fogg,	325.95
Susan Kendall,	219.37
Daniel K. Sanborn,	43.33
Mary C. Mudgett,	522.11
Sarah Cheney,	91.13
William Mudgett,	145.96
Relief W. Haley,	1,537.40
Beniah Wheeler,	533.71
S. P. Sleeper,	373.60
James H. Brown,	291.50
Lucy R. Stearns,	116.86
Arthur L. Worthen,	21.20
Abbie L. Welch,	52.75
Nancy A. Durgin,	52.75
Mrs. J. R. Pike,	211.57
Schuyler Walker,	1,056.17
Amanda M. Stearns,	251.00
Polly H. Sleeper,	251.00
Amanda M. Stearns,	261.25
Horace Ballou,	522.50
Mary Swett,	521.00
Rhoda F. Piper,	1,728.35
James Grey,	319.81
Chase W. Colby,	708.31
Dorcas W. Heath,	1,505.99

Hannah Woolson,	112.75
Mary Chadwick,	50.75
Doreas W. Heath,	172.38
J. R. Haywood,	405.40
Hannah W. Grey,	50.50
Lucy R. Stearns,	71.60
Clarance Merrill,	100.60
James Crawford,	232.58
	—————
	\$32,495.14

Debts due the town.

From taxes of 1869, 1871, 1872,	\$5,600.09
In Treasury,	2,690.27
For rent of Armory Hall,	100.00
For rent of lobby,	51.60
From Grafton county, for support of paupers, 195.08	
From school district No. 2,	283.49
	—————
	\$8,929.34

Amount the town owes,	\$32,495.14
Amount due the town,	8,920.34
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Actual debt,	\$23,574.80

Decrease of debt, \$9,176.14

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. BERRY, } *Selectmen*
 J. A. HAYNES. } *of*
 R. S. HASTINGS, } *Bristol.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing Report of the Selectmen, and find their accounts well vouched and correctly cast, and recommend that the same be accepted and adopted.

We find that some bills have been presented for payment which accrued prior to this year. In view of this fact would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Selectmen give notice of the times and place of meeting for the settlement of bills against the town, and for the transaction of other business, and all bills which are not presented for adjustment, on or before the third Tuesday of February of each year be disallowed.

GEO. T. CRAWFORD, } *Auditors.*
ROBERT BUNTER. . }

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1873.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Has had three terms of school. First term of 9 weeks, second, 8, third, 7, successfully taught by Miss LIZZIE S. MORGAN, of Salisbury. Number of scholars first term, 18; average attendance, 13. Second term, number of scholars, 11; average, nearly 10. Third term, number of scholars, 16; average, 13. There are only 9 scholars in this district, the others came from the adjoining district in Hill which added much to the pleasantness and interest of the school, also \$20 to their school money. In this district an increased interest has been manifested the past year, in the subject of education, by both parents and scholars. There has been 15 more weeks of school in this district the present year than in the year previous. The teacher speaks highly of the deportment of her pupils. During the visits of the committee it was good. At the closing examination the scholars showed marked progress.

DISTRICT No. 2.—See GRADED SCHOOL.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The Summer Term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss BELLE CALLEY. Number of scholars, 9; average attendance, $8\frac{1}{2}$. There was one scholar in the district, between 4 and 14 years of age, not attending school during the year. The school was quiet and orderly, and made commendable progress in their studies. Miss Calley succeeded well in her school.

Winter Term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss MARY E. TUTTON, of New Hampton. Whole number of scholars, 9 : average attendance, $\frac{84}{9}$. One great hindrance to the progress of this school was its large number of classes. The teacher reports 18. This fault is too prevalent in our schools, and should be remedied, for no teacher can do justice to so many classes in the limited time as must of necessity be allotted to each class. Yet the school was well taught, and the improvement as good as could be expected.

The district gave the wood and the teacher's board this term.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Has had a Summer Term of 8 weeks, a Winter Term of $11\frac{1}{2}$, taught by Miss ALMEDA EMERSON, of New Hampton. Cheerful appearance of the scholars in the schoolroom, studious habits and good deportment, are some of the characteristic features of this school, the result of which was good proficiency. Miss Emerson faithfully devoted her time and energies to the school.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Has had two terms of school. Summer Term of 10 weeks, Winter Term of 12, taught by Miss KATIE L. ROBIE. Number of scholars first term, 4 ; the second term, 3. No instance of tardiness, absence, or dismissal reported during either term. The Committee visited the school the first of each term, but was not notified when either closed. Yet from our previous knowledge of Miss Robie's success as a teacher, we are confident that she was faithful in her efforts to promote the highest interest of her pupils.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Has had two terms of school. Summer Term of 7 weeks, Winter Term of 11, taught by Miss LAURA JACKMAN. Number of scholars first term, 16 ; average attendance, 12. Second term number of scholars, 20 ; average attendance 19. A good degree

of interest was manifested in this school. Here may be found some of our best scholars. The Committee was present at the close of each term. The exercises were highly commendable. The classes in Arithmetic evinced thorough drill and advancement. We think Miss Jackman tried hard to make these profitable terms of school, and succeeded well.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Has had one term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss IDA J. GIBBS. There is but one scholar in this district. Miss Gibbs, no doubt, devoted all needful time and energy to teach this one pupil, but we think it very injudicious to set up a school in a district for one scholar. We would suggest to the district that they consider the subject, and adopt some better way to educate this scholar.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Has had two terms of school. Summer Term of 10, and Winter Term of 12 weeks, taught by Miss MARY E. BATCHELDER, of Holderness. Number of scholars first term, 19; average attendance, 17. Second term number of scholars, 20; average, 16. Miss Batchelder disciplined her school well, which is of vast importance that a school may be successful. Her instructions were clear and thorough. It is the opinion of the Committee that this school never appeared better or more prosperous than during the past year.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Has had a Summer Term of 8 weeks, and a Winter Term of 15, taught by Miss EMMA S. HEATH. Number of scholars first term, 15; average attendance, 13. The Committee visited the school near the commencement and close of each term, and was pleased with its general good-appearance. The improvement of the school was quite satisfactory.

GRADED SCHOOL.

There have been three terms in each Department of the Graded School during the past year. The Summer Term of 9 weeks, commenced April 29th, closed April 28th, 1872. The Fall Term of 12 weeks commenced September 2d, closed December 21st. And the Winter Term, of 7 weeks, commenced December 30th, and closed February 14th, 1873.

The Primary School throughout the year, has been taught by Miss KATE F. GEORGE, with the assistance of Miss ANNA GEORGE three hours each day during the Summer and Fall Terms. Number of scholars in Summer Term, 61; average, 53. Number in Fall Term, 68; average, 55. Number in Winter Term, 47; average, 39. The interest and progress of this Department justly claim high commendation.

The Intermediate School has been taught by Miss EVA F. BURNHAM. Number of scholars in the Summer Term, 36; average, 31. Number in Fall Term, 36; average 31. Number in Winter Term, 36; average, 33. The interest in this Department increased with each term, and the general appearance of the school indicated progress.

The Grammar School was taught by Miss N. A. DURGIN. Number of scholars in the Summer Term, 48; average, 42. Number in Fall Term, 51; average, 41. Number in Winter Term, 48; average, 44. The classes in this Department showed a good understanding of the principles therein taught, and gave evidence of having been thoroughly drilled.

The Summer and Fall Terms of the High School were taught by Mr. GEORGE A. EMERSON. His efforts were highly satisfactory, and the school under his instruction was eminently successful.

The Winter Term of 7 weeks was taught by Mr. AUSTIN S. CHASE. His efforts to promote the interest of the school were clearly evident, and considering the circumstances, the term was

as prosperous as might reasonably be expected. Number of scholars in Summer Term 40; average, 37. Number in Fall Term, 34; average, 28. Mr. Chase neglected to return the register for the Winter Term, hence no statistics.

In connection with our report of the several schools in town, we wish to say that it has been our united purpose to promote the highest interests of education in each district.

In most of the districts the same teachers have been employed throughout the year. In those districts, where changes have been made, it was not from choice, but because the services of the same teacher could not be secured.

Our plan in the Graded School has been to give the Primary Department the benefit of a whole year's instruction more than they have formerly had in this school. By this method the Intermediate Department can have the benefit of one year's higher grade, and thus be prepared to afford the instruction needed to fit the students for the Grammar School. If this plan should be carried out in the future, it will prepare the way for a more thorough and practical course of study in the Grammar Department. In this branch of the school every student should have the privilege of securing a good practical education. We hope this may be its aim in the future.

Our plan for the High School has been to arrange the studies so that students may be prepared to enter advanced classes in seminaries and other schools of a higher grade.

To make the Graded School what it ought to be, the district must devise some plan by which the Primary Department shall have two efficient teachers. Then, and not till then, can we hope that the several departments of the school will be what is needed in this community.

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. ABBOTT, } *Superintending*
J. M. BISHOP, } *School Committee*
G. T. CRAWFORD, } *of Bristol.*

